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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/866,961
Filed: May 30, 2001
Title: Naaladase Inhibitors for Treating Retinal Disorders
and Glaucoma
Applicant(s): Barbara S. SLUSHER *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 20595.160/P30684US01

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 20595.160. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment and Response to Office Action Mailed July 26, 2006

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, Applicant(s) submit the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that are otherwise provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number 20595.160. Applicant(s) likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.